



SECRETARY STRAUSS SAYS JAPS ARE LEAVING COUNTRY

Departures Number 185 More Than Arrivals

IN MESSAGE TO FLINT

Secretary Declares California Press Reports of Immigration are Incorrect

4477 ADMITTED IN 1908

Statistics Show That Trend of Japanese to America Has Fallen Off Over 7000 in the Year of 1908 Compared With 1907.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—Secretary Strauss has forwarded a letter to Senator Flint of California discussing the statistics of the department of commerce and labor and emigration of the Japanese from the United States. Strauss figures show that in all over 12,000 Japanese were admitted in 1907, while in 1908, 4477 were admitted. Strauss says that the regulation of Japanese emigration did not take effect until late in the year of 1907, but that from November 1, 1907, to October 31, 1908, the figures show an excess of 185 departures over the number of arrivals in this country. Later figures he submits indicate that the trend of emigration of Japanese is from the United States. Continuing Strauss says:

"Press reports which I have seen contained statements made by some of your people in California that these figures are incorrect. I desire emphatically to state that they are absolutely correct and proof thereof which is on file in the department, clearly demonstrates the accuracy of the figures.

"It has been further intimated that there is surreptitious influx of the Japanese on the Mexican and Canadian borders. I am justified in saying this is not true, for obvious reasons. That there are some few scattered surreptitious entries is quite probable, but the sum is so small that it cannot be consequential."

ANTI-RACE BILL AGAIN DELAYED

Action on Washington Measure Disposes of Its Consideration for at Least Two Weeks

OLYMPIA, Jan. 28.—The Senate today compelled the anti-race-track gambling bill, which has passed the House, to give way to the criminal code soon to be submitted by the commission which has been at work for several weeks. The code, it is announced, will contain an anti-race-track gambling provision as drastic as those in the Hanson bill.

Friends of the Hanson bill sought to secure immediate consideration of the bill by attempting to refer it to the public morals committee with the understanding that it would be reported back this afternoon. The motion failed by 21 to 16. The bill then went to the judiciary committee.

Chairman Graves, of this committee had previously announced that if the criminal code covered the subject, it would receive preference in

RILEY LOSES MATCH.

PORTLAND, Jan. 28.—Ed O'Connell won a wrestling match from Frank Riley of Tacoma tonight in two straight falls. Riley was outclassed in science, strength and quickness.

PRESIDENT SENDS REGARDS.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—A message expressing his hope for Cuba's success was sent by President Roosevelt to the president and congress of the Republic of Cuba.

ANOTHER BLANK DAY.

Twenty-two Talesmen For Calhoun Trial Were Rejected.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 28.—Failing to find the citizen who had not already made up his mind as to the guilt or innocence of Patrick Calhoun, attorneys engaged in the trial today completed their examination of 22 talesmen without acceptance of a single juror. Today's session was enlivened by several spirited controversies between Heney and the attorneys representing the defense.

DISCUSS NEXT CENSUS.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—Almost the entire session of the House was taken up today with the discussion of conference report of the bill providing for the taking of the next census. Provision granting to the director of census the right to have the printing of the reports done by private concerns in case such action should be deemed advisable, was agreed to. The army appropriation bill had been briefly discussed when the house adjourned.

LOSES GREAT FORTUNE.

CHICAGO, Jan. 28.—The Tribune today prints the following account of the sudden closing up of the business of Sidney C. Love & Company, which it says turns out to be, according to reports, due to his fatalistic tendency for the wrong side of the stock and grain markets.

It is said that the young operator has lost in the last two or three years more than \$1,500,000. When the firm went out of business Monday morning it was reported Mr. Love's previous winnings in stocks, together with his real estate, a warm friend and staunch supporter in W. H. Moore, who guaranteed all accounts and turned them over to Hollister and Babcock, a firm long friendly to Mr. Moore. No losses were sustained by bank accounts.

GAME OLD CAT.

CHICAGO, Jan. 28.—Tom, a black cat, for nine years the mascot of Engine Company No. 49, is no more. In answering its last alarm of fire, it fell short in its accustomed leap for the shoulders of Michael Malloy. The cat suffered a broken back and was killed by a bystander.

RAILROAD KILLINGS.

California Puts Up A Big List of Deaths and Casualties.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 28.—Figures compiled by the state railroad commission in its annual report to the Governor show that out of the 1,200,000 passengers on the state railroads last year, twenty were killed and 328 injured. During the same period 16,791 trainmen were employed in the state and of these 46 were killed and 672 injured. The greatest sufferers in accidents were tramps who rode the trains without paying. Of these 277 were killed and 388 injured. Employees of the railroads other than trainmen also suffered during the year, 66 being killed and 1,772 injured.

"TAG" DAY IN NEW YORK.

NEW YORK, Jan. 28.—Plans for "Tag day" in New York for the benefit of the Italian earthquake sufferers have been announced.

FIRE BREAKS OUT IN SUTRO TUNNEL

AFTER AN ALL NIGHT BATTLE MEN SUCCEEDED IN CHECKING THE FLAMES.

VIRGINIA CITY, Nev., Jan. 28.—About 7 o'clock last evening fire was discovered in the Sutro tunnel, at a point 3500 feet from the Ward shaft and four miles from the mouth of the tunnel. An alarm was given and men rushed from all quarters to fight the flames. The fire is at the C and C junction, from which tunnels run in various directions to connect with other mines. The smoke, which prevented the men from making much headway, finally was carried through the combination shaft and force pumps were taken in from Sutro.

After an all-night battle the men were able to get within 100 feet of the fire on the east side and the blaze is now held at the combination drift, but as yet the extent of the fire in other directions is unknown.

The tunnel was driven by the late Adolph Sutro, under special act of Congress, and is 12 by 16 feet in size and is about five miles in length. It is now used as a drain for all of the Comstock mines.

Several miners were overcome by the smoke and are in a serious condition.

BEAN'S BILL PASSED.

STATEHOUSE, Or., Jan. 28.—Shorn of features objectionable to Multnomah, H. B. 28, by Bean, providing for the incorporation of ports, was reported favorably this morning by the Judiciary committee, and upon third reading was passed. The report was not made until Chairman Dimick, of the Judiciary Committee, had been assured by Senator Selling that the bill was satisfactory to the Port of Portland Commission.

TIE-UP STOPS GAME.

WHITMAN COLLEGE, Walla Walla, Wash., Jan. 28.—Owing to the washouts on the railroad, the basketball game which was to have been played here last Friday with the University of Idaho has been indefinitely postponed, and the team is now rounding into shape for the trip through the Inland Empire, which the manager has arranged immediately after the examinations.

FRANKLIN BEATS GRANT.

SEATTLE, Jan. 28.—Charlie Franklin, the 175-pound pupil of Dr. Roller, had an easy time with Frank Grant, of Medford Or., last night, beating him in two straight falls.

CUBA IS AGAIN INDEPENDENT

Troops Withdrawn-Gomez Now President

THOUSANDS REJOICING

United States Transfers Administration to Newly Elected Executives

MANY FLOCKING TO HAVANA

Coming of New Day of Cuba's Liberty is Signalled by Big Display of Fireworks-Inaugural Parade Was Beautiful Spectacle.

HAVANA, Jan. 28.—A new era of Cuban independence dawned today when the affairs of the island, which have been administered by American officials for more than two years, as a result of the revolution against former President Palma in 1906, were formally transferred to the newly elected native executives. January 28 will hereafter take rank with May 20 as a national holiday in Cuba for it was on the latter day in 1902 that the island was first transferred to the Cuban people by the United States, after a period of rehabilitation following the Spanish war.

The coming of this new day of Cuban liberty was signalled by a general display of fireworks, the screeching of rockets and bombs sending down showers of golden rain and varicolored lights. The streets of the city, which were brilliantly illuminated and garlanded with chains of incandescent bulbs, were thronged until an early hour this morning, and a carnival spirit everywhere prevailed. Thousands of people gathered around the Chief Clerk's Club throughout the night, where inaugural and farewell balls were held jointly in honor of President Gomez and Vice-President Zayas and Governor-General Magoon, all three of whom were quickly recognized on entering the building and leaving it and loudly applauded. The balls constituted one of the most brilliant functions held here since the days of the Spanish occupation.

The ceremonies of today began almost with the dawn, and they will not end until long after nightfall.

The inaugural parade, in which only native troops, civil organizations and rural guards will participate, will pass under the magnificent triumphal arch erected in Gonzalez Square, facing Central Park, and it will be reviewed by President Gomez. It will not start until late this afternoon.

One of the first ceremonies of this morning was the placing of a wreath on the tablet marking the house in which Jose Marti, the Cuban patriot, was born.

Next came the presentation of the new Cuban flag, which was raised on the flagstaff of the palace, marking the end of the American intervention. The Cuban flag has flown throughout this period, the American Civil Governor and the American army officer detailed to supervise the various governmental departments having really served throughout as Cuban officials. The old flag will be sent to Washington and placed in the National Museum.

General Gomez who plotted against former President Palma and who was imprisoned by him for one month and released only when Secretary of War Taft came to the island to settle the revolution of 1906, will take the oath of office as President of the republic at noon, and within one hour thereafter, Provisional Governor Magoon and all army officers who have served in executive capacity, will be bound out of the harbor for home. Mr. Magoon will go on a warship conveyed by the battleships Maine and Mississippi, while the army officers will travel on board the transport McClellan. Mr. Magoon goes

to Knights Key, Fla., whence he will take a train directly to Washington. The McClellan will proceed to New York.

Jose Miguel Gomez goes into power as leader of the Liberal Coalition party as a result of the overwhelming choice of the Cuban people last fall. The Cubans always held it against former President Palma that he was the choice of the American Government. No such complaints can be made in the case of President Gomez, for the Americans studiously avoided anything savoring of advice or suggestion as to the candidates or the platform in the call for the last campaign.

President Gomez was escorted this morning from his home directly to the palace by detachments of troops and the rural guards. He rode in the same carriage with Governor Magoon who called for him with a native military guard of honor.

The ceremonies of inauguration at the palace were very brief. Precisely at noon President Gomez stepped out upon the balcony overlooking the Plaza de Armas and took the oath faithfully to enforce the laws of the republic and defend the constitution. The oath was administered by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. Afterward President Gomez, who is more of a soldier than a speaker made a short address from the balcony.

Returning to the reception of the palace, Gomez received from the hands of Mr. Magoon the final decree turning over all the affairs of the island, together with an order from Washington terminating Mr. Magoon's commission as Provisional Governor.

Vice-President Zayas was sworn in at a special session of the Senate this morning. The House of Representatives was also in session.

ADMITS "KNOCKING DOWN."

SEATTLE, Jan. 28.—S. A. Gray, Alias Sidney Smith, is in the city jail awaiting the arrival of a deputy sheriff from Multnomah county where he is wanted on a charge of having embezzled money while employed by a street car company in Portland. Gray readily admitted that he stole from the car company and says he is willing to return to Portland. He declares he does not know how much he took. Gray came to Seattle a month ago, immediately upon leaving the employ of the Portland traction company. He had been working for the Seattle Electric Company up to two days ago, when he was discharged. The Seattle company has not divulged the reason for his dismissal.

WHALING FLOTILLA TO STAY AT SEA

MANUFACTURE OF FERTILIZER FROM MAMMALS WILL BE DONE ON SHIP

VICTORIA, B. C., Jan. 28.—A deep-sea whaling flotilla, comprising three steam barges and six steam whalers, has just left Turnpike, Norway, for these waters. Operations will be carried on from Clatters to Behring Sea, every species of mammal being considered prey. The object of this new venture, in which Seattle capitalists are largely interested, is to evade the strict American and Canadian fishery laws with regard to the establishment of land whaling stations. Cutting up and manufacture of fertilizer will be carried on board the barges.

IRELAND SAILS FOR HOME.

PORT TOWNSEND, Wash., Jan. 28.—Alleyne Ireland, Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society and representative of the London Times took passage on the sailing ship Kynance, Captain Auld, for Liverpool, after traveling six months in Canada.

HAS ANOTHER FAD.

NEW YORK, Jan. 28.—Miss Anne Morgan, daughter of J. P. Morgan, has enlisted her services to carry out a crusade against unsanitary cigar and cigarette factories in the city, where more than 20,000 girls are employed.

TAX BILL PASSES BOTH SENATE AND THE HOUSE

DISORDER IN SEOUL.

TOKIO, Jan. 28.—A special report from Seoul conveys the news that while the imperial train was enroute to Pyongyang one of the emperor's aides attacked the home secretary, Wasword. The officials escaped with his life, but suffered a wound, the severity of which is not yet known. A temporary building has been erected at Kaisyung for the reception of the emperor. The general feeling of unrest has caused the imperial visit to Wiju to be abandoned.

LIVESTOCK MEN ELECT OFFICERS

TWELFTH ANNUAL CONVENTION HELD AT LOS ANGELES FINISHES WORK.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 28.—The American National Livestock Association finished the work of its 12th annual convention today with the adoption of resolutions upon various subjects of importance to livestock interests and the choosing of officers and the selection of Denver for the next meeting place. Resolutions were adopted by the president with practically a unanimous vote although there was brief but spirited opposition on the part of the Colorado delegates to the paragraph endorsing the work of the United States forestry service and declaring in favor of federal control of grazing lands. All officers of the association were unanimously re-elected, excepting Second Vice-President Parsons, of Salt Lake, who was succeeded by J. M. Carey of Wyoming. Parsons was not a candidate for re-election.

CHICAGO CELEBRITY.

CHICAGO, Jan. 28.—The "Little old woman of State Street" is dead. She was found unconscious on her soap box from which she had sold goods and papers for more than a dozen years and taken to a hospital but failed to revive. She had been a familiar sight to thousands but no one knew her name.

HELL DIE EARLY.

CHICAGO, Jan. 28.—Because he felt that a clear conscience was worth more than 25 cents, Russell B. Snow, aged twelve years, has mailed a quarter to the commissioner of public works in payment for a broken street lamp. Last week young Russell hurled a stone through a glass and ever since then he has been troubled with a strong sense of remorse. He finally revealed to his mother the whole secret and was told that he must make amends.

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REPUBLIC OWNERS FILE DAMAGE SUIT

Demand \$1,500,000 for Steamer and \$500,000 for Cargo and Effects of Passengers and Crew

NEW YORK, Jan. 28.—Counsel for the Oceanic Steam Navigation Company, owners of the White Star Liner Steamer Republic today filed a bill in the United States District Court against the steamer Florida of the Lloyd Italian Line for damages amounting to \$1,500,000 for the loss of the ship and \$500,000 for the loss of cargo and effects of the passengers and crew was claimed. It was asserted in the libel that the collision was due to no fault on the part of Captain Sealby of the Republic, but was wholly the fault of the Florida, which it is alleged did not keep in her prop-

Measure is Now in Hands of Governor

OPPOSE 8 HOUR LAW

Little Prospect for Either the Employers Liability or 8 Hour Law Passing

MANY MANUFACTURERS ARRIVE

Creation of Oregon Conservation Commission to be Appointed by Governor is Feature of the Day at Salem.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 28.—Under a suspended rule the Senate and House today passed the emergency tax law and the bill is now in the hands of the governor. Within a week after its approval a temporary board of equalization will meet and adjust the tax rate which will not affect the individual county assessments already made. The employers' liability and eight-hour measure are drawing a large lobby of manufacturers to Salem. A carload of businessmen arrived this evening to reinforce those already on the ground. There is now little prospect of either of these bills passing the Senate, although the eight-hour measure passed the house. So much opposition is developing against the eight-hour bill that it was intended to re-call the bill from the Senate and reconsider it. Representative Campbell induced adjournment for one day on the grounds that it would give the committee time to work. The labor lobby has almost given up hope for the employers' liability measure. The creation of Oregon conservation commission to be appointed by the governor was a feature of the new bill introduced today. This was presented by Senator Miller of Lane and Senator Hart of Baker. The proposed meeting tonight to discuss the water code bill was postponed until next week. Advocates of the proposed county of Nesmith held a spectacular meeting at the Statehouse tonight.